

**HOUSE COATS**  
**LOUNGING ROBES,**  
**BATH ROBES,**  
**MACINTOSHES,**  
New lines to show.  
**GARDINER & BAXTER.**

**DIED.**

**KOON**—At the family residence, No. 47 North College avenue, Mrs. Elizabeth Koon, wife of J. C. Koon, aged 72 years.  
Funeral from the residence Monday, at 2:30 p. m.

**TURNER**—Of Lagrange, Mrs. Hannah M. Turner, wife of Daniel Turner, aged 77 years.  
Funeral 2 p. m. Monday, January 4, at the residence No. 26 South street.

**Chapman & Brown**, funeral directors, No. 26 South street.

**THEY MUST BID AGAIN.**

**The New City Pump Must Prove Many Requirements.**

The board of public works held a prolonged consultation yesterday with Chief Engineer Kline of the city pump house. It was evident from their subsequent action that they suggested certain possible contingencies that they had not thought of providing for. The various firms had been requested to bid for a pump having a capacity of ten million gallons daily with a piston speed of 100 feet per minute. The pumps contemplated are driven by compound, condensing engines of either single, double or triple expansion cylinders. The most serious consequence is liable to result in case of a breakdown and every possible precaution must be taken to prevent such a disaster, and to provide as well for the maintenance of the pumping in case such an accident should occur. These compound engines are of two types. In one class they are detachable so that in case one side should become disabled the other can be continued in operation while the break is being repaired. The other class is not detachable and when one part gives out the whole machine must stop.

The board of public works decided that the specifications for the pumps should be a little more explicit as it desires such a pump that should not only give out temporarily the other can not only be continued in operation but that may be capable of greatly increased speed so as to provide as much as possible for the failure of the part disabled. In consideration of this desire the bids of the competing companies were laid upon the table and they were asked to submit supplemental bids covering this requirement. The new bids are to be submitted next week and must provide for an engine of twelve million gallons capacity daily and the piston speed must be capable of being increased from 100 to 150 feet per minute. The representatives of the Worthington, Allis and Holley manufacturing companies were present and seemed very much put out because the contract was not awarded. They insisted that these provisions were made in their former propositions but the board can not see it that way.

**News of the Churches.**

The members of the Fountain Street Baptist church have been considering the advisability for some time past of making a change in the corps of ushers for the first floor and today it is expected the change will be made. The present ushers have been in service for a number of years.

The seats in Park Congregational church will be sold Monday evening.

"Hildebrand, the Pope," will be the subject of Dr. Cobb's sermon this evening at the Westminster Presbyterian church.

Five hundred children will render the singing at St. Mark's at 11 a. m. Sundayentine. The chorus choir at 7 p. m. Sermons at both services by the Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair.

The sermons in St. Mark's church on Sunday evenings will be by Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair's replies to questions on religion written or addressed to him the week previous. The series ought to be one of interest and instructive.

St. Mark's academy will resume its work in St. Mark's chapel tomorrow.

"The Pastor's Aid" of St. Mark's church has published a calendar for 1897, which may be described as the only one of its kind in existence, past or future.

At Ames M. E. church the pastor will preach on "The Author, Nature and Subjects of Salvation," and at night the Rev. Wigle will occupy the pulpit. The special meetings that have been held with good results during the past week will be continued during this week.

The Rev. George Henry Dole, of the New church, will have for his morning subject, "Obedience, the Gate to Interior Wisdom," evening subject, "Helpful Thoughts for the New Year."

The Rev. Charles Fluhrer will preach at the Ladies Literary club rooms this morning. Subject, "New Experiences in Life and Religion," a sermon for the new year.

The Sunday school of the Lagrange street Christian Reformed church will give its fifth annual entertainment Tuesday evening.

At the Park Congregational church the Rev. C. M. Westlake's morning theme will be "The Blood Covenant"; evening theme, "Preparation for the New Year."

The pulpit of the Fountain street Baptist church will be occupied morning and evening by the Rev. Dr. Jameson of Detroit.

The annual new rental of the Park Congregational church will take place at the church tomorrow evening, January 4, at 7 o'clock.

At the Church of Christ this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock there will be held the annual church meeting of that society. All members of the church are requested to be present.

A portion of the Christmas music of last Sunday will be repeated at the Westminster Presbyterian church today.

**Westminster City Union.**  
An increase of nearly \$100,000 in its savings department in one year is the record the Grand Rapids savings bank presents to the people of the city as its last year's work.

Isaac Bremer and Miss Lucy Van Alstine of Cedar Springs were married yesterday by Justice Hydrum at his office.

George Raymond, treasurer of the Young Men's association, deposited \$1000 of his collections of state and county taxes with the county treasurer yesterday.

Walter K. Schmidt for some time cash clerk at Thum Bros. has been

admitted to partnership with the firm. It will now be known as Thum Bros. & Schmidt.

About 100 couples attended the married people's party given by Miss Fannie Woods, at Nimmens' hall on New Year's eve.

The sales of stamps and postal cards at the postoffice for the month of December amounted to \$11,402.47.

No more contracts for laying water pipes will be let by the board of public works until spring.

**Building and Builders.**

The building committee of the board of education has accepted the new foundation for the high school annex built by Contractor James Curtis, and everything is in readiness for work on the superstructure as soon as spring opens.

Applications from builders and others who expect to go to Cleveland, January 18, at the time of the national convention of builders, are being made in unexpectedly large numbers at the office of the builders' and traders'. Reduced rates will be given.

The carpenters of the city have adopted a set of resolutions asking for a nine hour day without reduction of wages, and will begin work in the spring on that basis. The total membership of the unions in the city numbers about 1000.

**Clubs and Societies.**

Next Tuesday night Cowan lodge No. 89, K. of P., will hold a public installation of officers. An attractive program has been arranged which will be rendered in addition to the usual exercises. The hall is located on South Division street.

The theory of evolution will be discussed by the Unity club at its regular meeting to be held Tuesday evening, with Mrs. I. M. Turner and Mrs. Cornelia Hulst as leading speakers.

The new badge of the Salesmen's union No. 17 is a gold star within a blue circle bearing the inscription, "Retail Clerks' Union." The points of the star contain the letters, R. C. N. P. A.—Retail Clerks' National Protective association.

**Victims of the Grip.**

Mrs. G. W. Munson, who has been very ill for the past week with the grip, is now considered to be out of danger. Mayor Uhl has been confined to his bed by illness since Thursday.

Samuel S. Chipman, the well-known attorney, was taken to the U. S. A. home yesterday with a severe attack of the grip, accompanied by strong symptoms of pneumonia.

Mrs. George G. Sicketee, who has been dangerously ill from pneumonia, is reported to be recovering.

**Died of Heart Failure.**

Mrs. Dr. Charles E. Koon of No. 47 North College avenue, died suddenly Friday. Mrs. Koon had not been feeling well for some time. In the afternoon she went to her room saying she wished to take a quiet rest. She was not molested during the day and as she did not arise in the evening her husband thought it strange. At 10 o'clock he went into her room to awaken her and found that she was dead. From appearances she had been dead for a number of hours. The cause of death is attributed to heart failure.

**Champion to Be Banqueted.**

The Grand Rapids bar association is making arrangements for a reception and banquet to be tendered to Chief Justice Champlin, of the state supreme court, whose term of office has just expired, and Justice-Elect Robert M. Montgomery. The banquet will be given in the Peninsular club rooms next Friday evening, and the members of the bar are invited. The committee on arrangements consists of T. J. O'Brien, Hon. N. A. Fletcher, F. W. Stevens and Mark Norris.

**Col. Briggs Sold.**

Dr. E. W. Wells has sold to Bullis & Davis of this city the fine inbred Hambletonian stallion, Col. Briggs, for a consideration of \$1700. This promising young horse will be trained next season for a record, and local horsemen predict a bright future for him. His sire is Hambleton, who has a record of 2:20.

**Bank Clearances.**

The bank clearings in this city for the past week amounted to \$909,542.50 as compared with a total of \$768,372.27 for the same week last year. The clearings for each day were as follows: Monday, \$225,196.49; Tuesday, \$116,498.27; Wednesday, \$182,654.49; Thursday, \$191,725.12; Saturday, \$229,110.32.

**Two Funerals.**

The funeral of W. N. Fuller's son will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the residence, No. 64 Home avenue. The funeral of John D. Shoemaker will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, corner of Hall and Ionia street.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

Appointments Made, Leaves of Absence Granted, Salaries Raised.

The board of education was called to order last evening by Secretary Stein, and in the absence of President Blair, Trustee Houseman was called to preside. The session was a short one, the board finishing its business in about one-half an hour. All the trustees were present except Trustees Husted and Locher.

A communication from Charles W. Smith was received and read, in which he offered to sell the city two school sites in the Fourth ward. One of the sites is located on the southwest corner of Houseman's plat running south on the east side of Jefferson avenue, and the other beginning on the southeast corner of Houseman's plat and running south along the west side of Madison avenue. Either of the sites were offered at \$3500 if the proposition be accepted at the next meeting of the board. The communication was referred to the special committee on school sites.

Chairman Stevens of the committee on teachers recommended that Prof. Green of the high school be granted a three month's leave of absence, and that Prof. Corbin of the Agricultural college be appointed to fill the temporary vacancy. The committee also recommended that the resignation of Lucia Krouner from the Plainfield avenue school be accepted and that Delia J. Harbert be appointed to the position. That Althea Winchester of the Fountain street school be granted a leave of absence for the remainder of the term and that Florence Ames and Delia Norbert, graduates of the State Normal school, be granted first grade certificates. The report was adopted.

**New Appointments.**

Chairman Fisher of the committee on library, recommended that Miss Lucy Bell be appointed librarian for the coming year at an advance of \$200 per year, making the salary \$1200; that books to the amount of \$50 be purchased for use

in connection with the work of the society for university extension. The report was unanimously adopted.

The report of the committee on buildings recommended that James T. Barnard be appointed superintendent of construction and repairs at a salary of \$853 per month; also that the salary of the Jefferson street janitor be increased \$1 a week, and that janitors of the rooms in which night schools have been opened be paid \$3 a week for three rooms, \$2.25 for two rooms and \$1.75 for one room. The report was adopted.

Trustee VanHise introduced a resolution instructing the building committee to let the job for grading the Widdicombs street school grounds, which was adopted.

Trustee Felker introduced a resolution requesting the committee on buildings and ways and means to prepare estimates of the amount of money needed for new buildings to be erected next year and to report at the next meeting of the board. The committee was accordingly instructed.

The committee on claims and accounts reported claims to the amount of \$1337.87.

**OMITTED TO MENTION.**

**The Democrat Criticized for Its Want of Patriotism.**

There is something rather peculiar in the lack of interest shown by the holiday number of the Democrat in regard to recording events of interest for each month of the past year. It gives as events for April, return of students from various schools, a few dancing and pedro parties; utterly ignoring the one great event of that month, i. e., the loan and local exhibition given by the Grand Rapids Art association, which occupied two whole weeks, drawing large crowds into the city from surrounding towns, and bringing together, for the edification of the public, most of the best pictures from the private galleries of the city, including Gen. Alger's great picture, the "Last Days of Mozart," brought here at great expense by the association. It is barely possible that the readers of the Democrat will continue to overlook these omissions, but it is hardly probable that all of its patrons enjoy a relish of the long past dancing and pedro parties to the exclusion of an art exhibition, the mission of which is educational and elevating.

**SUDDENLY SUMMONED.**

**"In Death They Were Not Divided."**  
Grip Claims Two Victims.

A short time ago Mr. and Mrs. John Vandervoort of Traverse City, came to this city to visit their son, Oliver Vandervoort, an engineer on the G. R. & I., living at No. 737 Fifth avenue. Last week they suffered an attack of the grip. Mr. Vandervoort, who was 75 years old, failed gradually from the first, but his wife, who is eight years younger, seemed to improve and be on the road to recovery. The old gentleman died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and his son went to telephone for an undertaker. When he returned ten minutes later his mother was also dead. Their remains will be taken to Traverse City for burial.

**GRAND RAPIDS VOCALISTS.**

**They Delight the People of Lima, Indiana.**

A quartet from this city composed of J. D. Kromer, W. H. Loomis, J. A. Morrison and O. B. Wilmarth, assisted by Miss Clara Goodman, soprano and Miss Emma Smith, piano accompanist, gave a concert New Year's eve, at Lima, Indiana, under the auspices of the Presbyterian church. The popular musicians were royally entertained while at Lima and their concert was attended by a large audience. Their visit was a profitable one for the church society. Mr. Loomis received a telegram yesterday from Cadillac requesting the quartet to give an entertainment there within a week or two.

**Denied by Mr. Le Baron.**

**EDITOR HERALD**—In your article of yesterday in regard to my alleged embezzlement of funds belonging to the firm of C. A. Lamb & Co., I wish to say the statement from C. A. Lamb & Co. is false, in regard to my settlement with the firm. Upon my return from Petoskey I turned over to them all the funds I had belonging to them, which has already been proven in court, where we received a judgment for balance due on my salary while in their employ here and at Petoskey.

**Respectfully,**

**A. M. LE BARON.**

**Marriage Licenses.**

The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued since last published, with the names, residences (when outside the city) and ages of the parties:

Paul Melnik, Emma Popke. 23-17  
George D. Morris, Frances Fretz, Taim. 24-24  
Agnes Ostawa county. 24-24  
Frank A. Hill, Elsie Henderson. 40-19  
Isaac Bremer, Solon; Lucy E. Van Alstine, same. 47-29

**No Needed Encouragement.**

"Got any roddin' clo's here?" he asked of a polite clerk in a Woodward avenue clothing store.

"Plenty of them," replied the clerk with a winning little grin.

"How much are they?"

"All the way from eighteen to fifty dollars."

"Good stuff in 'em and look like genuine store clo's?"

"Nice enough for a millionaire to get married in. We make a specialty in that line."

"Let me look at a few, won't you?"

"Certainly. Walk right back this way, please."

After about a half hour's investigation he found something that he thought would suit.

"I'll be in next week, I s'pose, and take 'em," he said, moving off.

"Let me wrap them up for you now," urged the clerk.

The customer gave a nervous start. "Goodness, mister," he exclaimed, "I ain't got the gal yet. I'm just doin' this to give 'em in my crav, so's I can pop 'em."

Rice pop corn, 15c per peck, Killean's Grocery.

**BACHELORS DRESS UP**

**And Show Yourselves Worthy of the Fair Maid of Chelcos.**

The following letter was received by Mr. Geary of the World's Museum, from his manager who has been on a hunt for Miss Downes, the lady who advertised for a husband. It speaks for itself.

CHELCOS, Mich., Dec. 31, 1891.

Manager Geary, World's Museum, Grand Rapids, Mich.

For two days I have done nothing but tramp country roads, walk over farms and waste in mud. Immediately after alighting from the train at Chelcos I made inquiries for Miss Downes (Downes, not Downer) home, which I soon learned was about three miles back in the country. I got a rig and started. The farm is a "beautiful" big house and barn with a lot of other buildings. At the house I was ushered into the parlor by a very pleasant but awfully fat lady who introduced herself as Miss Carrie S. Downes. I had had all my plans laid out before going into the house, but in her presence I forgot my part, and came nearly giving up. In one hour I made known the object of my visit which to my surprise was received (as is not generally the custom) without censure. She said she had received your letter, but could not quite understand it, so she gave it to her brother, who threatened to disown her.

It seems that Miss Downes caused the advertisement to be inserted in the papers unknown to anyone about the place here, and her brother is very bitter about the whole proceeding. My first bout with him on the subject came near resulting in a murder. He pulled a gun and I sunk. Then I went in search of another of the family some distance back in the country. He was at another relative's, so I had to follow. This relative was not overly bright, but I had to get some one on my staff, so I ran him up against the tavern bar. His signature cost me sixty cents, but it started the ball rolling. Next morning I got three other signatures. Now all that remained was Miss Downes and the brother that runs the farm. I had to describe the kind of husbands you kept in stock, and reason before I got Miss Downes' signature to the paper. The brother still remains obstinate. I send you at the same time I send this letter the contract I drew up for Miss Downes. You can fill in the dates you want and send a copy back to D. B. Taylor, attorney at law, Chelcos, Mich. I will remain here until the contract is signed and is delivered. Yours (very sleepy),

HENRY M. SCOTT.

**Effortless.**

Hans von Bulow on one occasion rebuked the feminine half of an oratorio chorus which he was rehearsing. While the tenors and basses were singing their parts the sopranos and altos indulged in conversation. They were called to order several times, but paid no attention. Finally von Bulow rapped upon his desk and called out: "Ladies, Rome does not have to be saved to night," which remark produced the desired effect, to the delight of the men and the chagrin of the women.—Argonaut.

**In the Far West.**



**Scene: The Beach at Santa Monica.**  
Intrepid Widow—Speaking of conundrums, Mr. Slocum, here's a good one: Why is the letter D like a wedding ring?  
Procrastinating Bachelor—Oh, I'm no good at conundrums.

I. W.—You give it up? Why, because we can't be wed without Seal-Life.

Strictly fresh eggs 25c per dozen, Killean's Grocery.

**An Introduction.**

to the through car service of the Wisconsin Central lines and Northern Pacific railroad is unnecessary. Its advantages and conveniences have been fully established. It is the only route to the Pacific coast over which both Pullman Vestibuled first-class and Pullman Tourist cars are operated from Chicago via St. Paul without change. Through train leaves Chicago every day at 10:30 p. m. The traveler via this route passes through the most picturesque, interesting and prosperous belt of country in the western world. There is scenery with most striking contrasts that range from the rolling prairie and the pine forest level to the wildest passes of the wildest mountains in the world.

There is a series of the noblest cities, towns and villages of every variety and size, from the hamlet or the tiny farm, upward; the richest mines in the world; the greenest and most lasting pasturage; the wildest scenery on the continent; canons as wild as a nightmare; hills, snows and peaks startling in the magnificence of their beauty, and a perfection of comfort in traveling that has never been surpassed.

Fast train via the Wisconsin Central lines for St. Paul, Minneapolis, Ashland and Duluth leaves Chicago at 3:30 p. m. daily with Pullman Vestibuled Sleepers and the Central's famous dining cars attached.

Apples 60 and 75c per bushel, Killean's Grocery.

**Notice.**

The members of the Old Settlers' association are requested to meet at the City Hall Monday at 1 p. m. to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hannah M. Turner, 208 Scribner street.

CHARLES A. ROBINSON.

New comb honey 15c per pound, Killean's Grocery.

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